

Chalfonte Hotel
Howard and Sewell Streets
Cape May
Cape May County
New Jersey

HABS No. NJ-743

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE New Jersey		COUNTY Cape May	TOWN OR VICINITY Cape May
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Chalfonte Hotel			HABS NO. NJ-743
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Howard and Sewell Streets			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1875-1876		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Originally built as a private house, the building was later converted to hotel use. The Chalfonte is Cape May's oldest and most ornate large hotel.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Italianate			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Frame sheathed in clapboards and beveled siding			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Roughly L-shaped; 100' x 200'; 3 stories plus belvedere; 2-story porches			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Porches are arcaded and elaborately decorated with millwork; overhanging bracketed eaves; 2nd story balconies on southeast side			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Additions in 1879 and later.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Bassett, William B. <u>Historic American Buildings of New Jersey</u> . 1977.			
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